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COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

1973 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 73-27 (September 11, 1973)

Bill No. 73-48 (as amended)

Introduced by Mr. C. Joseph Bernardo

AN ACT to add new Section 254A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1965 Edition, as amended) to follow immediately after Section 254 thereof and to be under the new heading "Facilities for the Handicapped" to provide that existing public buildings in Harford County shall install facilities for the handicapped by January 1, 1975; ~~to provide that a property tax credit in the year that such facilities are installed shall be given to private businesses that install facilities for the handicapped;~~ and to matters generally related to facilities for the handicapped.

By the Council September 11, 1973

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on

October 25 1973, at 7:30 P.M. in the
Council Hearing Room, Bel Air, Maryland.

By order, , Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County,
2 Maryland, that new Section 254A heading, "Facilities for the
3 Handicapped" be, and it is hereby, added to the Code of Public
4 Local Laws of Harford County, (1965 Edition, as amended), to read
5 as follows:

6 254A. Facilities for the Handicapped.

7 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this law, the
8 following terms are defined as follows:

9 (1) Public Building means a building structure or
10 improved area owned or constructed for lease by Harford County.

11 (2) Private Business Building means a building
12 structure or improved area owned or constructed for lease by a
13 private individual, corporation, or partnership which is
14 regularly open for the conducting of business and for use by
15 the general public.

16 (3) Handicapped Person means a person with a
17 measurable limitation of mobility ~~due to congenital defect,~~
18 ~~disease, or trauma.~~

19 (4) Facility for Handicapped Persons includes any
20 ramp, handrail, elevator, door, specially treated surface and
21 similar design, convenience or device which facilitates the
22 health, safety, or comfort of a handicapped person.

23 (b) Existing Public Buildings. By January 1, 1975, all
24 public buildings in Harford County shall have been modified to
25 provide facilities for the handicapped in accordance with ~~the~~
26 ~~American Standards Association, specification A 117-1-1961,~~ as
27 amended and as modified by the Maryland State Department of
28 ~~Public Improvements.~~ SUBPARAGRAPH (e) OF THIS ACT. Facilities
29 for the handicapped are not required in portions of public

1 this Act shall apply to improvement of areas where persons
 2 gather for amusement such as public parks, recreation centers, ~~at~~
 3 and the like; particularly with regard to toilet facilities,
 4 ramps, building entrances, drinking fountains, parking areas,
 5 and walks; such facilities shall be suitably marked by a symbol
 6 denoting, "Usable by the physically disabled."

7 (d) Private Business Buildings, Installation Tax Credit.
 8 If a private business chooses to install facilities for the
 9 handicapped, they shall conform to the same minimum standards
 10 that are required by this law when such facilities are installed
 11 in public buildings. Inspection by an official of the Depart-
 12 ment of Public Works of the facilities installed in a private
 13 business building shall be required before any property tax
 14 credit application will be considered. If an installation passes
 15 inspection, the private owner may apply for a property tax
 16 credit on forms provided by the Department of the Treasury.
 17 The credit shall be given for the year in which such facility
 18 was installed and the amount of credit shall be equal to eighty
 19 percent (80%) of the cost of the installations. BE IN ACCORDANCE
 20 WITH THE PLANS TO BE DEVELOPED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE HARFORD
 21 CENTER, INCORPORATED, AND THE PLANS AND INSTALLATION SHALL BE
 22 APPROVED BY THE HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

23 (e) TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THIS BILL, THE HARFORD
 24 CENTER, INCORPORATED, SHALL BE UTILIZED, WITHIN ITS CAPABILITIES,
 25 WHEREVER FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED ARE TO BE INSTALLED.

26 ~~(e)~~ (f) Forms, Standards. The Department of the Treasury
 27 and the Department of Public Works are authorized to establish
 28 rules, regulations, and standards that are in accordance with
 29 this law

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed NOVEMBER 13, 1973 (LSD 73-27) (With Amendments)

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Failed or Passage

By order

Eugene B. Johnston, SecretarySealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for his
approval this 14th day of November, 1973 at
2:45 o'clock P.M.Eugene B. Johnston, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Charles B. Anderson, Jr.
Charles B. Anderson, Jr., County Executive

Date 11-15-73

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council,